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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.15 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Second segment

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Election of officers
2. Statements regarding (A/CONF.185/1, A/CONF.182/2, A/53/226/Add.2)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	53rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Dialogue among civilizations: draft resolution (A/53/L.23/Rev.1) [168].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85] (A/53/127, A/C.4/53/L.8)

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Training and research [96]

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/53/14, Suppl. No. 14, A/53/534)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Consultations with H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Chairman of the Second Committee, on assessment of the work of the Committee

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15 (Small island developing States (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/53/L.9 (World Summit for Children (item 95), A/C.2/53/L.21 (United Nations Environment Programme (item 94) and A/C.2/53/L.11 and Corr.1 (El Niño (item 94))

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* Immediately following the 34th meeting of the Second Committee.

* Immediately following the informal consultations of the Chairman.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/ 309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

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* To be issued.

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539*, A/53/563*, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq

Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.24 and L.25

3. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/53/L.21 to L.23

4. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9)

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A//53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539*, A/53/563*, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria

Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti

Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions

Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [120] (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811 and A/C.5/53/27)

Continuation of general discussion

2. United Nations pension system [121] (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft work programme and proposed budget of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) for 1999
2. Joint Inspection Unit: United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	240th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 4 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 113: Development Account; 92 (a): Business and development (A/C.2/53/L.7); 93 (b) Economies in Transition in the world economy (A/C.2/53/L.13); 96 (a): United Nations University (A/C.2/53/L.24); 93 (c): Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the First Committee.

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 98: Implementation of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94: Environment and sustainable development)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: *today*, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. *in Conference Room 9.*

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on agenda item 42 (Assistance in mine clearance), organized by the delegation of Austria, *today*, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum *today*, 4 November 1998, at 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Penthouse. The Forum will be addressed by Mrs.Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights. The subject will be the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (A critical assessment of past accomplishments and priorities for the future). Participants are asked to be seated by 11.45 a.m. Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held *today*, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Adviser to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

Mr. Choi Young-Jin, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, will hold a briefing for Member States on the United Nations Stand-by Arrangements System *today*, 4 November 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from *today*, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

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1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Second segment

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.185/1, A/CONF.182/2, A/53/226/Add.2)
2. Adoption of the report (A/CONF.185/L.1)
3. Closure of Conference segment

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

H.E. Mr. Poul Nielson, Minister for Development, Denmark, Mr. Kwame Pianim, Economist (Ghana) and Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University (United States), will brief the Committee on "The Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress: Denmark's contribution to the discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-President of the Council, the Working Group of the Economic and Social Council on the allocation of seats to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme will meet on Thursday, 5 November 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Room C-209B.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 37 (World Summit for Social Development))* on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 5 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on item 91 (b) (Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))* on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (agenda item 110 (c)) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274.

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There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Croatia and in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (agenda item 110 (c)) on Friday, 6 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274.

Briefings

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Special Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, and on Friday, 6 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Rom A.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Rom A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Note: The summary of the 21st meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/213).

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

52nd plenary meeting

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [47]:

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/53/442);*

(b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/443);*

(c) *Curricula vitae (A/53/444, Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Spanish only) and Add.1)*

The President recalled that by its resolution 1165 (1998) of 30 April 1998 the Security Council had decided to establish a third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and that the elections for the three judges of the third Trial Chamber should be held together with the election for the six judges of the two existing Trial Chambers. The President further informed the Assembly that the judges would be elected to serve for a term of four years until 24 May 2003.

In accordance with article 12, subparagraph 3 (a), of the Statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, the Holy See and Switzerland were invited to participate in the election of the judges.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the nine judges.

In the first ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Pavel Dolenc (Slovenia), Mr. Mehmet Güney (Turkey), Mr. Laïty Kama (Senegal), Mr. Dionysios Kondylis (Greece), Mr. Erik Møse (Norway), Mr. Yakov Ostrovsky (Russian Federation), Ms. Navanethem Pillay (South Africa) and Mr. William Sekule (United Republic of Tanzania) were elected to serve on the International Tribunal for Rwanda.

Since one vacancy remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded to a second round of balloting.

The result of the second ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Burkina Faso announced that Mr. Cheick Dimkinsedo Ouédraogo (Burkina Faso) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of the Niger announced that Mr. Bouba Mahamane (Niger) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Mali announced that Mr. Salifou Fomba (Mali) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Nepal announced that Ms. Indira Rana (Nepal) had decided to withdraw her name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Ethiopia announced that Mr. Tilahun Teshome (Ethiopia) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

With one vacancy remaining to be filled, the meeting was suspended until the afternoon of the same day.

52nd (resumed) plenary meeting

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [47]:

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/53/442);*

(b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/443);*

(c) *Curricula vitae (A/53/444, Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Spanish only) and Add.1)*

The General Assembly proceeded to a third round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

The result of the third ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Madagascar announced that Ms. Eugénie Liliane Arivony (Madagascar) had decided to withdraw her name from the list of candidates.

The Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

The result of the fourth ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of the Philippines announced that Mr. Willy C. Gaa (Philippines) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Sri Lanka announced that Mr. Asoka de Zoysa Gunawardena (Sri Lanka) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The Assembly proceeded to a fifth round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

In the fifth ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Lloyd George Williams (Jamaica and Saint Kitts and Nevis) was elected to serve on the International Tribunal for Rwanda.

The nine judges elected to serve on the International Tribunal for Rwanda for a term of office of four years until 24 May 2003 were the following: Mr. Pavel Dolenc (Slovenia), Mr. Mehmet Güney (Turkey), Mr. Laïty Kama (Senegal), Mr. Dionysios Kondylis (Greece), Mr. Eric Møse (Norway), Mr.Yakov Ostrovsky (Russian Federation), Ms. Navanethem Pillay (South Africa), Mr. William Sekule (United Republic of Tanzania) and Mr. Lloyd George Williams (Jamaica and Saint Kitts and Nevis).

The General Assembly was informed that the terms of office of six out of the nine judges would commence on 25 May 1999, following the expiration of the terms of office of the judges currently serving in the two existing Trial Chambers of the Tribunal.

The Assembly was also informed that three out of the nine judges would be designated to serve on the third Trial Chamber of the Tribunal by the Secretary-General in consultation with the President of the International Tribunal, and that their terms of office would commence as soon as possible following the elections so that the new third Trial Chamber could begin to function at the earliest possible date.

The International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 had thus been fully established.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 47.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 22nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 22nd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/213).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 15th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [85]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Japan, Tunisia, Nepal, Israel, Viet Nam, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Mozambique, Fiji, Algeria, Romania, Norway, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Brazil (on behalf of member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), Venezuela, Georgia and Haiti.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 33rd meeting

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Benin, Nigeria, Bahrain and Swaziland.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 98.

Training and research [96]

(a) *United Nations University*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 96 (a).

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.24 on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Australia, Thailand and Turkmenistan.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(e) *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 93 (e).

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

THIRD COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Ecuador, Mexico, Liechtenstein, Ukraine, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Romania, Canada, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Armenia, India and Colombia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 110 (d).

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee that deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 110 (d) was Tuesday, 10 November, at 6 p.m. The Chairman also reminded delegations that the Committee would take action on those draft proposals that would be ready for action on Thursday, 5 November, in the afternoon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. João Clemente Baena Soares, introduced Chapters VII and X of the Commission's Report dealing with State responsibility and other decisions and conclusions of the Commission, respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Hungary, Singapore, Israel and Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

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1998 UNITED NATIONS/FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME 1st meeting

1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Joint opening of the Pledging Conferences

The Secretary-General of the United Nations declared both 1998 Pledging Conferences opened and made a statement.

Election of officers of the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference of the World Food Programme

The Secretary-General invited the Conference to proceed to the election of its President.

H.E. Mr. Gian Nicola Filippi Balestra (San Marino) was elected as President and H.E. Ms. Zamira B. Eshmambetova (Kyrgyztan) was elected as Vice-President, by acclamation.

The President made an opening statement.

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.186/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Executive Director of the World Food Programme made a concluding statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Latvia (2 November 1998)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Latvia (2 November 1998)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Italy (18 June 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

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